

TIMBER LAWS WORK HARDSHIP ON MINERS

Timber Ruling Puts Fairplay District "Up Against It"—Goldyke District Showing Some Rich Ores.

J. G. Richardson and Will C. Russell returned yesterday from the Atwood and Goldyke districts, where they spent the past ten days in looking over the camp and making investigations. Both gentlemen are very enthusiastic over the camp and stayed there longer than they expected on account of recent developments made, particularly on the property of the Atwood Mines company, the Butler holdings and the Gold Crown property. In speaking of the district, Mr. Russell said:

"I found some very interesting conditions and some very attractive ore bodies on several of the properties, namely the Gold Crown, Butler company and the Atwood Mines company. The Gold Crown, which is being worked under the direction and supervision of Frank Everett, one of the pioneers of the camp, has a shaft over 200 feet in depth, from which various drifts and crosscuts have been run. On the lowest level some remarkable ore has recently been opened up, this ore carrying very high values in gold and silver, the silver predominating. Coming from below the water level, the ore is sulphide in character and is rich in stannite, native silver and chalcopryrites. Until quite recently the ore bodies in the Gold Crown have been more or less altered and broken up, but now their permanency and strength is well determined. The vein is about four feet in width and carries in it a streak of high grade about one foot wide that will run into the hundreds. This rich streak compares very favorably to some of the high grade found in the Montana-Tonopah, McNamara, Midway and the West End. Sacking of the rich ore is now going on, while a great quantity of \$30, \$40 and \$50 ore is being placed on the mill dump. This property alone has the making for the Fairplay district of a good sized permanent camp.

"The Butler property, which was located as an extension to the holdings of the Atwood Mines company, has made important developments since my last visit to the district, and they now have in the bottom of a winze sunk from the 150-foot level a three and one-half foot shoot of \$92 ore. This ore body lies on the footwall side of a strong rhyolite dyke which cuts through the country for miles, and has for its hanging wall hornblende andesite. About 400 sacks of high grade ore are now ready for shipment. The property is equipped with a 15-horsepower hoist.

"On the holdings of the Atwood Mines company, which is under the management of J. G. Richardson of New York, a new vein has been discovered north of the old workings and from this vein a small crew of men are now sacking ore. The ledge, is in an andesite fissure, cropping to the surface, the ore at present being removed coming from an open cut. The fissure is leading toward the rhyolite-andesite contact which exists on the Butler property, and undoubtedly when sinking shall have begun on the contact, some excellent and permanent values will be found. They are now sacking daily about half a ton of ore valued at \$150 a ton from this vein.

"From the 100-foot level of the main working shaft a north crosscut, now in about 100 feet, is being extended and from the indications the ledge on the footwall side of the rhyolite should be cut in a few days. The property in my opinion has the makings of one of the best mines in the camp.

"Assessment work is now being done on the "U. S." group of the United Mines Syndicate property. The shaft is down 100 feet and a change is apparent in the bottom. Cross-cutting to the main ledge will be undertaken very shortly. This property has perhaps more good float on it than any other property in the camp, to say nothing of the strong croppings.

"The property of Arthur Gardner on Paradise mountain, which was worked some forty years ago, the ore being transferred to Austin by mule-back trains, has recently shown some very high grade bromide and chloride ore. There are two prospect holes on the property thirty and sixty feet in depth, respectively, and both show strong ledges. The Burns property is being developed and is showing much ore of a milling value.

What is known as the Ratto property is at present closed down. They have some very good looking high grade ore blocked out. The Griggs-Atwood lease, upon which a mill was recently erected, has closed down for the present on account of difficulty among the partners.

"It is understood that the Lone Star and Oddie properties will soon start up work again. The Pactolus property which is under the control of Louis Mau and his father will soon start in operations again, Mr. Mau having arrived with a party of capitalists during my visit to the camp.

"I must say that of all the camps I have visited in Nevada, the Fairplay district is the most promising and yet the most neglected one of them all. The district has been surrounded by a chain of unfortunate circumstances and only recently to add to their troubles, the government has prohibited the appropriation of timber, thus causing the closing down of the Goldyke Reef mill, which was operating on the Oddie ores, and which has all but caused the closing down of the Gold Crown, the same being obliged to run a steam pump. The timber regulations, affecting the Fairplay district, are in my opinion, abominable, for the reason that the scraggly, dwarfed and unsightly nut pine which covers Paradise mountain and the surrounding hills can never be used for any other purpose than for mining; and laws should be passed for the relief and not for the oppression of the miners of that district, because it costs a small fortune to haul wood and timbers in to the camp, from afar. With proper assistance from the government and from capitalists the Fairplay district has the makings of a sure winner.

A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE.

A physician in a small town in northern Michigan got himself into a serious predicament by his inability to remember names and people. One day, while making out a patient's receipt, the visitor's name escaped him. Not wishing to appear so forgetful, and thinking to get a clue, he asked her whether she spelled her name with an "e" or an "i." The lady smilingly replied, "Why doctor my name is Hill.—Exchange.

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WHOLESALE PRISON BREAK WAS AVERTED

A wholesale break of the prisoners at the state penitentiary near Carson City was nipped in the bud by Warden Maxwell and his men last week and now a closer watch and lookout is being kept on the convicts owing to the fact that the inmates would have to make a break before winter comes if they expected to escape. The warden and men in charge at the prison several days ago suspected something was wrong about the place and trouble was brewing. A quiet investigation was immediately begun and this finally culminated in the searching of the cells, the dining room and other places where the prisoners had access.

In the dining room eight daggers and stiletos, six billies and slung shots and other weapons were discovered hidden beneath tables, in secret drawers and other places about the building. All the weapons were taken by the officers who thoroughly searched every cell, all the rooms and other places about the buildings.

Sufficient details were learned from the convicts to know that they planned a general break and the weapons found were to be used by the desperate leaders in the effort to get away.

The conditions at the prison are unusually propitious just now for a break owing to the fact that the work on the installing of cells is still in progress and the quarters are not sufficient to accommodate the prisoners in the proper manner.

GREAT THOUGHT.

The bridegroom—Hello. What's this? All the bills for your trousseau! Why I thought your father paid these.

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